

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

In Re Application: **Hogan, Thomas**

Attorney's Docket No.: AGECOM9

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name. I believe I am an original, first and/or joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY ANALYZING AND IMPROVING AN AGRIBUSINESS OPERATION, the specification of which:

is attached hereto.  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable) and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used by others in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application. I further state that the invention was not in the public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the date of this application. *I understand that I have a duty of candor and good faith toward the Patent and Trademark Office*, and I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

do not claim foreign priority, nor do I claim priority of any United States provisional application or any other prior filed United States application.

further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing therefrom.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I here by appoint WILLIAM B. DYER III, REG.NO. 41,725 to prosecute this patent application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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